firing capability. France has also agreed to supply Sub-launched version of the Exocet Missile (ASM 39). These are mainly anti-ship missiles and can be used against ships and off shore installations. These missiles are not considered against shore/coastal targets. M-11 missiles acquired by Pakistan from China can, however, be used against shore/coastal targets.

At the behest of the Prime Minister, a Task Force has been set up to pursue the acquisition of priority requirement of systems and weapons for the Navy in order to meet the threat posed by the recent acquisitions of hardware by Pakistan. The Task Force has in its report identified a number of steps as counter-measures against these Pakistani acquisitions.

(d) As per the charter of duties of Coast Guard, it is not required to have any missile system fitted on board Coast Guard ships and aircraft. The armament presently fitted on board these ships and aircraft is sufficient for the role envisaged.

(e) and (f). All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant observation by the Government and appropriate counter-measures are initiated from time to time to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is also re-equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perception.

[English]

Priority to PIM

1516. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given highest priority to the Participatory Irrigation Management in the irrigation field;

(b) if so, the steps the Government have taken to expedite the activities in this field;

(c) whether any special assistance is provided to States for the rehabilitation works to expedite the 'PIM' scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government of Gujarat intends to bring additional 20,000 hectares of land under the scheme wherein the rehabilitation cost involve about 15.00 crores of rupees, part of which is to be borne by the farmers;

(f) if so, whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to provide Rs. 10 crores as a special assistance; and

(g) if so, the action taken by the Government on the equest so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI IANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Union Government have given priority to Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM).

(b) The following steps have been taken to encourage farmers' Participation in the management of irrigation :

- Giving management subsidy to farmers' associations under Centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme;
- Holding National Conferences and sponsoring State Level and Project Level Conferences on Participatory Irrigation Management with farmers' participation in the State and Project level to create awareness.
- Conducting training courses at national level for officers and at State level for officers and farmers;
- Providing States with guidelines and assisting them in preparation of Manuals for formation of associations and introducing amendments in Irrigation Acts;
- Advising State Governments to constitute High Level Working Groups to formulate policies and guidelines for constituting farmers' associations; and
- Setting up of "Working Group by Planning Commission on Participatory Irrigation Management for the IX Plan".

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) Yes, Sir. According to the information given by the State Government, the Government of Gujarat intend to bring additional 20,000 hectares of land under PIM scheme wherein the rehabilitation cost involved is Rs. 15.00 crore, part of which is to be borne by the farmers.

(f) The Government of Gujarat had requested the Planning Commission in February, 1996 to provide Rs. 10.00 crores as special assistance to promote Participatory Irrigation Management.

(g) The Planning Commission had communicated in March, 1996 to Government of Gujarat that the proposal could be discussed in detail at the time of finalisation of Annual Plan of the State for the year 1996-97; but, the issue was not raised when the above discussion was held.

Promotion in I.R.C.C.

1516. SHRI KARIA MUNDA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of eligible SC/ST in group 'A' debarred as per R and P Rules and postwise general employees promoted without vacancies during 1991-93 in I.R.C.C.;

(b) the reasons for not fulfilling assurances of USQ No. 644 dated December 12, 1994, CMD before Secy.,

SFT on May 22, 1995 and not giving promotion to SC officer also as per Agenda Item 18/8 of Board;

(c) the reasons for not taking action of cases of Professional misconduct, selling of Agricultural land, drawing lease land by self and HRA by wives, Telephone Promotion, Promotion/upgradation without Board approval and violating R and P Rules;

(d) whether a officer who is involved in all cases mentioned above has been made Head of Personal Department; and

(e) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Expenditure Incurred on Irrigation

1517. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on different irrigation projects during 7th and 8th five year plans;

(b) the total expenditure to be incurred on different irrigation projects works, which are going on; and

(c) the official estimate in regard to the average percentage of capacity created for the use of water received through various rivers and the rains in the country by the end of year 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Details of expenditure incurred by the Government on different irrigation projects during the Seventh and Eighth Plans are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Five Year Plan	Expenditure
Seventh	14225.64
Eighth	28391.79 (outlay)

(b) The total expenditure to be incurred on different on-going Major and Medium irrigation projects during Ninth Plan is expected to be Rs. 41,272-00 crores.

(c) The estimated percentage utilisation of the total utilisable water resources of the country during 1994-95 is about 53 per-cent.

Percentage of Irrigation Land

1518. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total percentage of irrigated land out of the total cultivable land in Rajasthan;

(b) the percentage of area irrigated by various means of irrigation and the reasons for non-development of irrigation resources inspite of Rajasthan being such a big State with scanty rainfall this time;

(c) the total expenditure and the total construction done so far on the Indira Gandhi Canal project;

(d) the total land being irrigated by the Indira Gandhi Canal Project as present and the time time by which it is likely to be completed and the reasons for not granting it the status of a National Irrigation Scheme, by the Central Government;

(e) the various irrigation projects of Rajasthan pending with the Union Government for its approval; and

(f) the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The percentage of net irrigated land of total cultivable land in Rajasthan is 17.39 as per Land Use Statistics of Ministry of Agriculture for 1992-93 (latest).

Development of irrigation depends on various factors such as topographic and hydrological conditions, annual rainfall, ground water recharge and the inter-sectoral priorities assigned by the State Government in allocation of Plan outlays.

(c) Total expenditure incurred upto March, 1996 on Indira Gandhi Nahar Project is Rs. 1423 crores. The main canal of 649 kilometer length and the distribution system totalling 5635 kilometer have been completed upto March, 1996.

(d) Irrigation potential created by the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage I and II upto March, 1996 is 9.38 lakh hectares, while actual irrigation during 1995-96 has been 7.90 lakh hectares. The project on completion will irrigate 15.17 lakh hectares out of total culturable command area of 18.69 lakh hectares. According to the Government of Rajasthan, the project is likely to be completed by the year 2005.. The Central Government has not granted the status of National Irrigation Scheme to any irrigation project in the country including Indira Gandhi Nahar Project.

(e) and (f). Details of irrigation projects of Rajasthan pending with the Government of India for approval are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

	Name of project	Estimated cost
	1	2
1.	Bisalpur drinking water cum-Irrigation	309.07
2.	Bethali Irrigation	13.07
3.	Chauli Irrigation	28.87
4.	Bandi Sendra	11.56
5.	Sukli Irrigation	15.41
6.	Chakan Irrigation	7.98